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SINO-JAPANESE NOTES TO THE LEAGUE.

Militaristic Policy in Manchuria.

ANTI-JAPANESE AGITATION.

Geneva, Yesterday. Notwithstanding the Council's resolution, Japan is not merely strengthening her positions in the regions already occupied, but is contemplating extension of military occupation in Manchuria, is the burden of a Chinese note lodged with the League Secretariat declaring that General Honjo has proclaimed the independence of the provinces of Mukden and Kirin, and has announced his intention of driving out troublesome elements from Manchuria.

A Japanese note, lodged simultaneously, gives details of bandit activities and complaints of anti-Japanese agitation by China, including a meeting of students and workmen in Shanghai, which resolved on demanding a declaration of war against Japan, intensification of boycott, and appealing to the Soviet for assistance.—Reuter.

SOLDIER SENT TO PRISON FOR THEFT.

Arthur Price, the private of the South Wales Borderers who was yesterday remanded at the Kowloon Magistracy on a charge of stealing property from the Y.M.C.A. and the unlawful pawnning of an overcoat and dinner suit the property of Mr. T. A. Ellis, of the Y.M.C.A., was this morning convicted on both counts, and sentenced to three months hard labour on the first charge and a fine of \$100, or one month's imprisonment, on the second charge, the terms to run concurrently.

PRISON FOR RUSSIANS.

Two Russians, Kionets Dmitry Afanasevich and Vorobieff George Nikanor, were this morning sentenced to 14 days imprisonment at the Kowloon Magistracy, for travelling on Sunday last from Kowloon to Sheung Shui on the train without tickets. A charge of arriving in the Colony without a passport was dropped, but under the Vagrancy Act they will be sent to the House of Detention on completion of their prison sentence.

HUNGARIAN MORATORIUM.

Budapest, Yesterday. A partial moratorium of Hungarian public and private debts, with a few exceptions, is proclaimed in a special decree, which will be effective from to-morrow.—Reuter.

FINE TO CLOUDY.

The Royal Observatory's report issued this morning states:—

The anticyclone appears to be nearly stationary to the N.W. of Korea.

Forecast: N.E. winds, moderate; fine to cloudy.

Rainfall.

Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day — nil. Total since January 1—79.98 inches against an average of 82.82 inches — deficit 2.84 inches.

Temperature.

The temperature at certain specified points this morning at 8 o'clock was:—

Hong Kong	59
Macao	59
Pratas Island	70
Manila	68
Foochow	58
Amoy	56
Chefoo	32
Shanghai	41

GERMAN DEBTS

BRITAIN & FRANCE AT LOGGER-HEADS.

TIME TO PAY

REPORT ANXIOUSLY AWAITED.

Basle, Yesterday.

An intense battle with Britain and France as leading antagonists, kept the committee of banking experts sitting almost all night long in an effort to reconcile divergent viewpoints and decide whether Germany's conditional or unconditional payments have priority.

It is understood that Sir Walter Layton favoured giving Germany complete respite up to four years.

Dissension, at one time, threatened to enforce a postponement until after Christmas, but progress is now being made with the report, which it is believed, will embody proposals with a view to giving Germany time to pay.

It is now probable that the Reparations Conference will be able to meet in the middle of January.—Reuter.

ALLEGED ARMED ROBBERY CASE.

Kak Hang Village Hold Up.

Chung King-man and Lei Fat were arraigned before the Chief Justice (Sir Joseph Kemp, K.C.) in the Criminal Sessions this morning, on charges of armed robbery by two or more.

The prisoners, who are defended by Mr. Hin-shing Lo (instructed by Mr. J. M. Hall, for first prisoner and by Mr. Horace Lo, for the second) pleaded Not Guilty.

The jury empanelled was composed of the following:—Messrs. N. L. H. Railton (foreman), T. Ferguson, E. W. Railton, S. T. Butlin, Kwan Sit-Kwan, Chiu O Yung and E. J. J. Spradberry.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, who appeared for the Crown, after explaining the law, described what took place at a house in Kak Hang Village. He said that on October 16, three men entered the house and one of them brandishing a revolver, put the inmates to fear. A witness would say that first prisoner tied up certain of the inmates. Two others joined the three intruders, who tied up all the inmates, and proceeded to steal things, some actually from the persons of the inmates. One of the victims would be called to say that first prisoner was one of the participants, and he would also say he recognised the second prisoner. On departing from the house, the robbers switched the lights off. A student, Kwok Chun, managed to free himself, and went to the Kowloon City Police Station where he reported the affair.

On October 18, the first prisoner was recognised in the street by the student, and was arrested. He took the Police to his premises, where, on unlocking a basket, to which prisoner had the key, two pieces of jade were found. These were later identified by one of the women robbed. Police investigations led to the arrest of the second prisoner, who was recognised by the student whilst being taken to the Police Station. On October 20 the two men were charged, and when asked if they had any statement to make, first prisoner said something to the effect that he did not know anything, and second prisoner that he had been implicated by a friend.

Evidence was then called.

The case is proceeding.

U.S. DISARMAMENT DELEGATION.

General Dawes to Lead.

WOMAN MEMBER.

Washington, Yesterday. General Dawes has been appointed head of the United States' Delegation to the Disarmament Conference.

It is understood that President Hoover intends to include a woman in the delegation, and has invited a "lady of quality and prominence" to accept the post.

MORE MOTOR SPEED RECORDS FOR BRITAIN

Captain Greyston's Achievements.

M.G. CAR'S SUCCESS.

Rugby, Yesterday. Four international motor speed records were set up to-day by Captain Greyston in British car, M.G. 750 C.C., on Monthly track with the following speeds.

Five kilometres 184.71 kilometres hourly.

Five miles 104.66 kilometres hourly.

Ten kilometres 104.62 kilometres hourly.

Ten miles 104.21 kilometres hourly.

The new success of the M.G. car is of interest in connection with the reported intention of the racing motorist, Lord Howe, to enter 3 of the M.G. Magna cars new twelve horse-power 6 cylinder models for the Italian Mille Miglia Race in April.

It is suggested the driving team would include Lord Howe himself, Sir Henry Birkin, and Captain Greyston. Lord Howe, it is understood, hopes to obtain the support of Sir William Morris. This will be the second occasion only that British cars have competed in the famous Italian Race.

A Baby Austin, last year, successfully completed the course.—British Wireless Service.

SALE OF A CHILD.

Mother Bound Over.

GO-BETWEEN FINED.

A case of selling a daughter was brought before Mr. Schofield at the Central Magistracy this morning, when Yiu Yung was summoned for disposing of her daughter, and another woman Luk Ku with acting as a go-between. The mother admitted giving the child away for \$39. She was in very poor circumstances had five children, and a sick husband. Soon after the sale she applied for the child's return on the ground that a casual acquaintance had told her it was being ill-treated. The child, however, showed no signs of ill-treatment and seemed quite happy.

The mother of the child was bound over in a personal bond of \$50 for one year and the go-between was fined \$20 or three weeks hard labour.

BURMA ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE.

Rugby, Yesterday. The Burma Round Table Conference to-day discussed the question of domicile and citizenship in relation to the franchise, and the Committee stage of the Conference was concluded.

The Conference has adjourned until January 4.

Meantime, the Chairman, Lord Peel, will prepare his report for presentation to the Conference when it re-assembles.—British Wireless Service.

VATICAN LIBRARY

SUDDEN COLLAPSE OF A WING.

VALUABLE MSS AMONG THE DEBRIS.

Vatican City, Yesterday.

Three floors of the right wing of the famous Vatican Library, built by Pope Sixtus the Fifth in 1588, housing valuable works of art, suddenly collapsed this afternoon.

The Fire Brigade is frantically searching the debris in the fear that humans may be entombed therein; though, luckily, the majority of the staff, also workmen engaged in restoration work, had departed just before the accident occurred.—Reuter.

RESCUE WORK.

Rugby, Yesterday.

A Rome Press telegram reports that the entire right wing of the Vatican Library, built in 1588, crashed late this afternoon, following the collapse of the roof. Fortunately the greater part of the staff and a number of workmen engaged on repair had left shortly before, and it is still uncertain whether there were any casualties. All the available fire brigades of the City of Rome were rushed to the assistance of the Vatican brigade, which was overwhelmed by its task.

VALUABLE MSS IN DEBRIS.

The section of the building involved constitutes about a quarter of the whole library, and it is estimated, about 10,000 volumes are buried among the debris. Some of these are of great value, and, included among other precious manuscripts, is a letter from Martin Luther in a reply to Pope Leo X's first warning on his heresies.

It is hoped, however, that the majority will be recovered.—British Wireless Service.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

Livelier Tone This Morning.

ADVANCES REPORTED.

The official summary issued by the Stock Exchange to-day states:

The market opened this morning with a livelier tone and a general demand for a number of stocks. Advances have been established in Trams, Hotels, Lands, Cements, Ropes and China Lights.

Sales.

Cements (combined), \$19.80.

Hotels (new), \$34.85.

Realities, \$11.70.

Buyers.

Douglas, \$25.

Wharves, \$153.

Hotels (old), \$15.30.

Hotels (new), \$14.75.

Lands, \$80.

Ewos, Tls, 15.40.

China Lights, \$27.74.

Telephones (part paid), \$28.40.

H.K. Ropes, \$17.50.

Dairy Farms, \$28.75.

Amusements, \$19.90.

Raubs, \$40.40.

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You are busy. Yet you want to be informed of the news of the day. Then, turn to the back page and glean the news. It's there conveniently summarised for you.

RUSHING 'XMAS MAILS HOME.

Tremendous Flights and Great Feats.

BY AIR SERVICES.

(Reuter's Special Service.)

London, Yesterday.

Imperial Airways liners are making a tremendous five-thousand-mile dash to Croydon in order to deliver by Christmas morning mails from Central Africa and Egypt. The Calcutta flying-boats and the Armstrong Siddeley airliners on North African routes yesterday completed their stages in record times, and to-day the mails are being rushed across the Mediterranean in huge four-engined Kent flying-boats. It is hoped the mails will arrive at ten o'clock in the morning of Christmas Eve, whereas mails are ordinarily due on the afternoon of Christmas Day.

CHRISTMAS AT SANDRINGHAM.

Royal Family Party.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The King and Queen left King's Cross by train this afternoon on their way to Sandringham, where they will spend Christmas. They were accompanied by Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret Rose.

The Prince of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of York, and Prince George will join the Royal Family on the morning of Christmas Day. If the weather is suitable, it is expected, the Princess will travel to Sandringham by air.—British Wireless Service.

By the s.s. Borneo, there arrived in Hong Kong last night an Indian gentleman, Mr. R. N. Biswas, who is engaged in an attempt to cycle round the world — as much of it as he can cycle over. He started on this tour from Singapore on July 7, 1931, has cycled through Malaya, Siam, Indo-China, and a part of China to Haipong, from where he came to Hong Kong by steamer. He expects to stay here for some time in order to recuperate, and will continue his tour through China, Manchuria and Korea, Japan, America, Europe, India and Burma back to Malaya. He has not set himself to a timetable.

Just as the body was on the point of being lowered into the grave, a cough came from within the shroud and on investigation it was discovered that the "dead man" still breathed. He was taken from the shroud and before long had completely regained his health.

In an interview with the China Mail, Mr. Biswas, who was until recently an usher in the Singapore Marine Court, told of the only unusual experience that has so far befallen him on his tour. It occurred in Siam, and miles from town or village. As dusk was falling he came upon a small house by the roadside, and decided to ask for a night's shelter. His knock was answered by two men, one of whom spoke English. He made known his request to which they acceded, but first called upon him to hand over his passport and any money he had. He complied. He made over a passport and purse containing a little more than five dollars. He was well treated given plenty of food, and shown to a place where he could sleep. But sleep he slept little that night, for he was frankly nervous. There were mysterious comings and goings all night long. Later he realised that his hosts were recognised bandits. However, next morning, when he was preparing to go on his way, his passport was handed back, also purse intact, and one of his hosts made him a present of \$2. Generous, general bandits!

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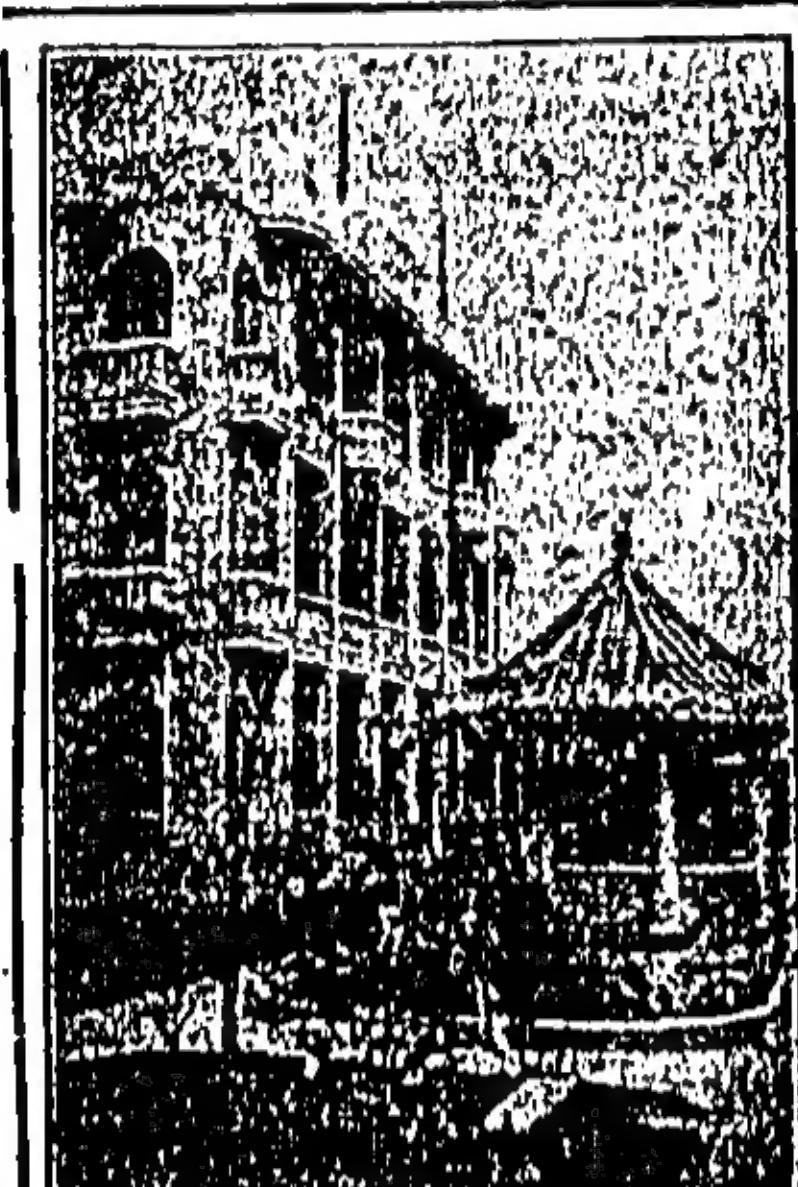
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Reviews from Official Sources.

"THE GIRL HABIT."

Pages from the life of Charlie Ruggles:

As a youth in his teens he left his father's wholesale drug establishment in Los Angeles, quit his preliminary chemical studies, and went to San Francisco, where he secured a small role in "The Admirable Crichton."

Followed his original success with a number of tours in stock throughout the state of California, playing principally "old men characters" for eight years before he was cast finally as a juvenile.

While playing for Morosco in Los Angeles, doubled in film work at Hollywood, supporting such stars as Lenore Ulrich, Elsie Janis and Cyril Maude.

First talkie appearance was in the New York-made "Gentlemen of the Press" for Paramount. Followed this with "The Lady Lion." After several more hits was raised to stardom by Paramount. His first starring picture is "The Girl Habit," now showing at the King's Theatre.

"THE TEXAN."

Totally different in many ways, yet bringing the same care-free, swaggering, outdoor freedom of "The Virginian" to the talking screen, "The Texan," Paramount's second great romance of the West, opens a three day showing at the Central Theatre. Gray Cooper, "The Virginian," is also "The Texan."

Filled with splendid outdoor scenes and action, the picture has a clean cut appeal. Gary Cooper is a fast-riding, fast-shooting plainsman, whose true honesty is forced to the surface in a human and logical way. Fay Wray is the girl. She played opposite Cooper in "The First Kiss" and "Legion of the Condemned." Emma Dunn gives another wonderful mother portrayal, one of the best of those which have made her famous on stage and screen for nearly a quarter of a century. John Cromwell, who directed George Bancroft in "The Mighty" and William Powell in "Street of Chance," made this picture.

"SPORTING BLOOD."

Madge Evans, who plays the heroine in "Sporting Blood," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's drama of the turf, coming to-day to the Queen's Theatre, literally grew up in the movies. She started as a baby actress at the age of three in the old Fort Lee studios, supported Ethel Clayton, Holbrook Blinn, and others, then left the screen to go to school. She returned to play in "Son of India," followed by her present vehicle. She's only twenty now.

"GRUMPY."

Cyril Maude was born in England more than 68 years ago. He made his theatrical debut in Denver, Col., when as a youth he went to America to recuperate from an illness?

On his return to Britain he devoted himself to the stage, and has since become one of the great British favourites?

He spent 46 years of his life as actor, theatre-owner and producer.

He took "Grumpy" to the United States in 1913, making an immediate success with it in New York and later touring to crowded houses.

He has played the role of

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres:

5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

6-8.30 p.m.—Chinese Children's Programme.

7-11.15 p.m.—European Programme.

7-10 p.m.—European Programme of Victor Records.

7.03-7.30 p.m.—Operatic.

Selections from Mefistofele (Bolero arr. Creatore).

Mefistofele—Prologue.

(Bolero arr. Creatore).

Creatore's Band (36971).

Gems from "Aida" (Verdi).

Victor Light Opera Company (35940).

Die Fledermaus—Overture (Strauss).

Victor Symphony Orchestra (36966).

8 p.m.—Local Time.

7.30-8.20 p.m.—Concert Items.

Song—Somewhere a Voice is Calling (Newton-Tate).

Mighty Lak' a Rose (Stanton-Nevin).

Frances Alda (Soprano) (1189).

Violin Solo—Negro Spiritual Melody (Kruszler-Dvorak).

Song of the Yolga Boatmen (arr. Kreisler).

Fritz Kreisler (1122).

Song—

"Grumpy" on the stage 1,300 times in America, Australia and Britain?

He was in a Hollywood made silent picture, "Peer Gynt," in 1916?

He retired from active stage work about three years ago, but was persuaded by Paramount to revive "Grumpy" on the talking screen?

The talking screen version of "Grumpy" is his first appearance before the new medium of moviefilm?

"Grumpy" is coming to the King's Theatre shortly.

THE DAWN PATROL

Eight airplanes were crashed in order to get thrilling air scenes for "The Dawn Patrol," the first National Vitaphone production starring Richard Barthelmess which comes to the Queen's Theatre on Sunday.

This story, concerning the dramatic and tragic situation confronting a group of "schoolboy" flyers in the Great War, is from the pen of John Monk Saunders.

At Dawning (Eberhart-Cadman).
I Hear a Thrush at Eve (Eberhart-Cadman).
John McCormack (Tenor) (742).

Piano Solo—Sincato—Caprice (Max Vogrich).
Hungarian Rhapsody, No. 4 (Vas).
Yolanda Mero (1155).

Song—

Simonetta (White-Rumbold).

The Little Damozel (Wetherly-Novelto).

Lucrezia Bori (Soprano) (1162).

Violin Solo—Cavotto (Beethoven).

Menuet (Bach-Winteritz).

Fritz Kreisler (1136).

Song—Maria, Muri (Russo-di Capua).

Bonamino Gigli (Tenor) (1184).

8.20-8.38 p.m.—Concert Waltzes.

Eva Waltzes (Lehar arr. Schott).

Carmen Sylvia (Ivanovici).

International Novelty Orch. (35984).

Wedding Dance (Linde).

Blu Danube (Strauss).

International Concert Orch. (35927).

8.38-9.20 p.m.—

Trio No. 7 in B Flat Major (Beethoven Op. 97).

Played by Alfred Cortot (Pianist), Jacques Thibaud (Violinist) and Pablo Casals (Cellist) (M-92).

9.20-9.55 p.m.—Variety.

Orchestral—Any Corner is a Cozy Corner.

Nobody's Baby is Somebody's Baby Now.

Ted Weenis & His Orchestra (22829).

Chorus—Happiness Boys Going Abroad.

Happiness Boys in London.

The Happiness Boys (22491).

Orchestral—It's the Darndest Thing.

Singin' the Blues.

The High Hatters (22809).

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9.55-10.30 p.m.—

Concerto No. 1 in B Flat Minor (Tchaikovsky).

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2nd Movement—Andantino semplice.

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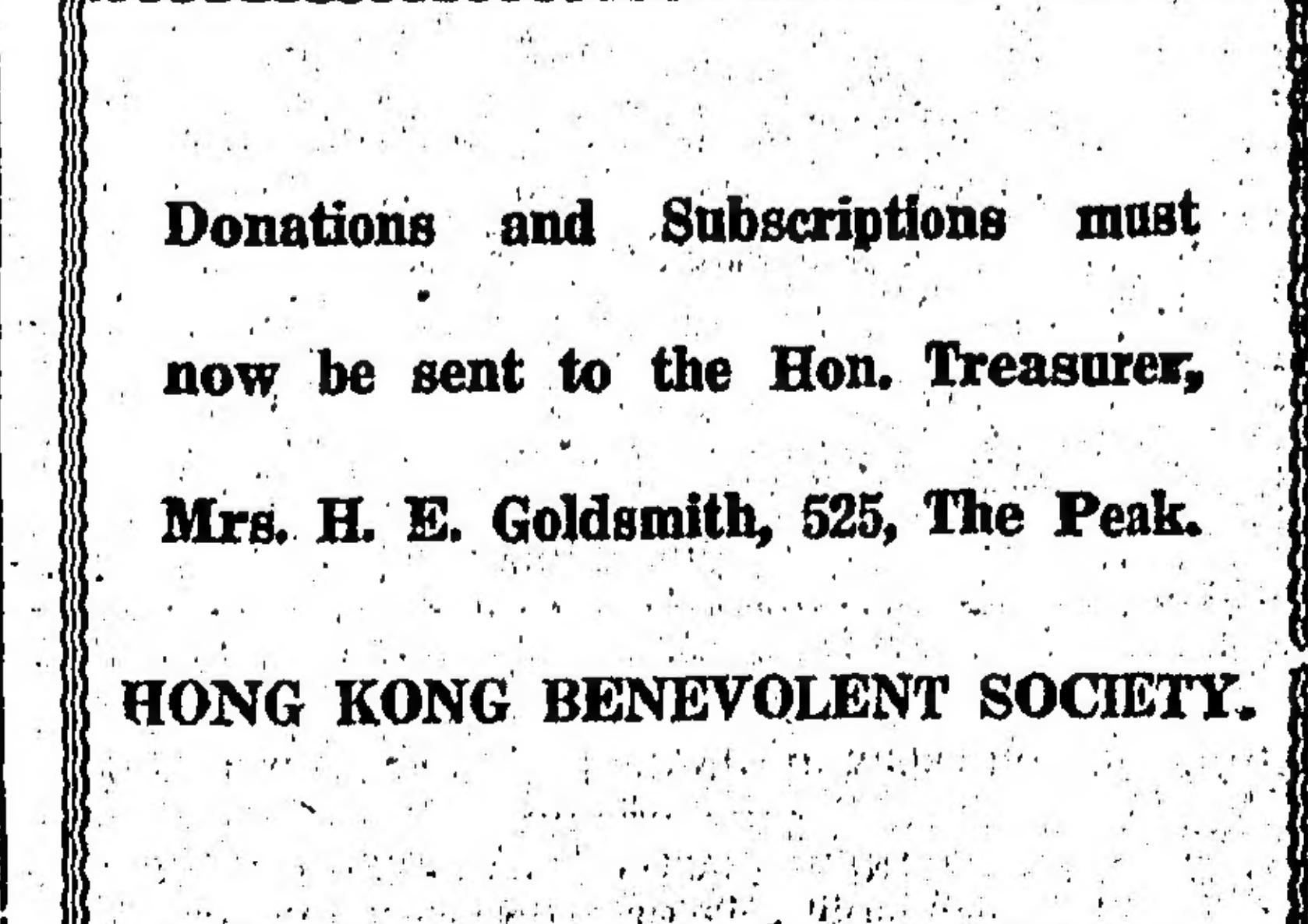
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COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and King's Restaurant; Dinner Dances at Repulse Bay and Peninsula Hotels.

Entertainments.

To-morrow—Carnival Dinner Dances at Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels.

Entertainments.

January 6—St. George's Society's Dance, Peninsula Hotel.

Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre: "The Girl Habit."

Entertainments.

To-day—Queen's Theatre: "Sporting Blood."

Entertainments.

To-day—Central Theatre: "The Texan."

Entertainments.

To-day—Majestic Theatre: "Girls Demand Excitement."

Entertainments.

To-day—Star Theatre: "Trespasser."

Entertainments.

Home Malls.

Friday—Inward from America (Empress of Japan); Outward from Europe via Marseilles (Somali and Suwa Maru), 8.30 a.m. and noon, respectively.

Miscellaneous.

January 12-14—Royal Sanitary Institute (Hong Kong Centre) examinations in Sanitary Science, and for Sanitary Inspectors.

January 2—St. Stephen's College new school year begins.

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DECISIVE NAVAL VICTORY.

ARMY WELL BEATEN AT SOOKUNPOO.

Triangular Rugby Tournament.

BRILLIANT NAVAL BACKS.

(By "Scrum Half.")

The third match in the Triangular Rugby Tournament at Sookunpoo yesterday witnessed a decisive Naval victory over a very moderate Army fifteen by four tries and a penalty goal (15 points) to a try (3 points).

Possessing much the heavier and better combined pack the Navy were undoubtedly the superior team and it was a surprise that they did not win by a greater margin. Their backs were much faster than their opposite numbers and their short passing tactics were executed with bewildering speed. The Army possessed three forwards of outstanding ability and a weak pair of halves, so that their three-quarters were not given the opportunities required. Altogether it was very one-sided encounter and those who hoped for an Army victory must have been sadly disappointed.

Crick's Influence.

In the loose the Naval forwards were magnificently led by Crick and were largely responsible for the majority of play being confined to Army territory. Crick, Doggett and Pizay were outstanding in the loose. In the tight scrums the Navy secured possession nearly every time, a clean heel sending the three-quarters away at top speed. Hargrave, who was deputising for Francis at the base of the scrum, filled the position admirably. His understanding with Ryder was perfect and his defensive play a pleasure to watch. He was unfortunately hurt in the latter stages of the game when marking a punt forward in a dangerous-looking Army rush. It was, however, fortunate that it was nearing full time for Ryder did not look at all comfortable at the base of the scrum. Hargrave is an opportunist with little pretension at speed, but he possesses the all important factor—Rugby brain.

Ryder's Initiative.

Ryder gave another brilliant display and, though he did not score himself, he was instrumental in three of the Naval tries. He too is an opportunist with speed and initiative as his best assets. He made one glorious cut through in the second half from his own '25 line but with only the full back to beat he decided to pass and the opportunity went astray. His handling was extraordinarily good on occasion though he has a tendency to snatch at the ball which offers a serious handicap.

Fielding in the Centre.

Of the centre three-quarters I liked Fielding the best. He was safe in defence and a thrustful player in attack. He made one good effort in the first half which looked as if it could only culminate in a score but his pass was unfortunately too low for Thurston. The latter was not seen at his best though one pass he took from the scrum and which resulted in Lockley scoring was beautifully timed. Fabrey was the thole of the wings. What I like about his play is his cross kick when he finds the line blocked. Time and again the Army defence was rattled in this manner. He was speedy and very safe in defence. He saved a certain try when Syer broke through and he brought off a tackle three yards from the line. Lockley was not seen to advantage for the simple reason that the Naval attack, consisting of short passing between the backs, was apt to become too short and Fielding was on top of him very often with no room to pass.

Dunlop's Off Day.

Gosling was safe at full back and relieved his line several times with good touch kicks. His kicking on the whole, however, was not as convincing as it might have been. He failed to find touch on several occasions, though this may have been a ruse for Dunlop, his opposite number, was deplorably weak in his handling. Dunlop had an off day with a vengeance. He was most unsteady throughout.

The Dummy Sold.

The Army three-quarters received little support from their half backs and were therefore forced to forage for themselves with the consequent result that the Naval

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL

RUGBY FOOTBALL—To-day—Club "A" v. H.M.S. Cumberland at Happy Valley at 4.45 p.m.
BOXING—To-day—H.K.B.A. Tournament at Theatre Royal at 9 p.m.

HUNTING—To-day—Fanling Hunt Hounds (Kennels) at 3.15 p.m.

Saturday—Fanling Hunt Meet (Anandale) at 2.45 p.m.

HOCKEY—To-day—Hong Kong Hockey Club v. H.K.S.R.A. on the U.S.R.C. ground at 5 p.m.; University v. St. Andrew's; Y.M.C.A. II. v. Revere II.; Borderers v. Radio Sports.

GOLF—To-morrow to Sunday—R.H.K.C.C. Christmas Meeting.

Sunday—Completion of First Round of Kowloon Golf Club Junior Championship.

FOOTBALL—Friday—Sunday Herald Cup—Scotland v. England on Club ground.

Saturday—Sunday Herald Cup—Wales v. Portugal on Club ground; Chinese League—Chinese Athletic "B" v. Yeo Woo; South China "A" v. South China "B"; Chinese "A" v. Sung Ching.

back sold the dummy time and again. The Army backs failed badly in going for the man with the ball, their hopes of an intercepted pass never materialising. Keith Murray was too closely watched to show his fine turns of speed and the result was that the Army backs were rarely in the picture.

Prior's Excellent Showmg.

The half backs were definitely outplayed on account of the inability of the forwards to get the ball back. Stevens was caught napping several times by a Naval "blind side" movement, but he played a plucky game in defence. Of the forwards Prior, Grayham and Tratt were outstanding. Prior was especially brilliant in the loose and was perhaps the best forward on the field. He was always on the ball and had he received the necessary support from the remaining seven the Army would have offered sterner opposition.

Feet Up.

Feet up in the Army scrum was very prominent throughout the game and on one occasion cost them three points. The Naval front row also infringed the new law but were fortunate to have the Army trio doing the same thing on those occasions.

The Play.

A breakaway to Pizay saw the ball transferred to Fabrey who sent across what looked suspiciously like a forward pass to Hubback who touched down in the corner to open the scoring. The try was not converted. A penalty for feet up just outside the Army '25 was allowed to go a-begging, but shortly afterwards a lightning-like three-quarter movement saw Fielding go over near the posts for the second unconverted try. It was a good effort and deserving of the points. The sides crossed over with the Navy leading by 6 points to nil.

Shortly after the commencement of the second half feet up in front of the Army posts gave Hargrave the opportunity to place the Navy further in the lead. Splendid handling by Thurston saw Lockley go over in the far corner for the third unconverted try. The Army were seldom on the offensive and shortly afterwards a "blind side" movement resulted in Ryder sending Fabrey over for the Navy's last score. Just on time a forward rush saw Stevenson kick forward and Keith Murray was only just in time to effect the touch down before the ball went over the "dead line."

Navy 15 points

Army 3 points

Royal Navy—Lt. Gosling (Suffolk); Sub. Lt. Lockley (Suffolk), Surr. Lt. Fielding (Suffolk), Mid. Thurston (Cumberland); O.A. Fabrey (Medway); Lt. Ryder (Medway); Sub. Lt. Hargrave (Cornwall); Lt. Comdr. Crick (Marazion) (captain), Surg. Lt. Brosnan (Cumberland), Lt. Linton (Medway), A.B. Deykin (Suffolk), E.R.A. Doggett (Hermes), Lt. Lubback (Hermes), Lt. Watson (Bruce), and Lt. Pizay (Medway).

The Army—Lt. Dunlop (Argylls); Pte. Lewis (Borderers); Lt. Syer (3/9th Jats); Lt. Stevenson (Argylls); Lt. Keith Murray (Argylls); Pte. Stevens (Borderers); Lt. Prior (R.A.) (captain); Lt. Stevens (S. 10th Jats); Lt. Crewe-Rand (Borderers); Lt. Graham (Argylls); Cpl. Suter (Borderers); L/Cpl. Tratt (Borderers); L/Cpl. Hardy (Borderers); and Pte. Lloyd (Borderers).

Referee: Mr. H. G. N. Tinson.

SIG. WILLIAMS BEATS R. E. ELEVEN.

Century and Seven Cheap Wickets.

SMALL UNITS FINAL.

At Sookunpoo yesterday the Royal Corps of Signals defeated the Royal Engineers by 22 runs in the final of the Small Units Cricket League.

The features of the match were the batting of Williams, who scored 115 out of a total of 166; the batting of Whitfield, who carried his bat through the R.E. innings for 60 runs; and the bowling of Williams, who captured seven wickets for 28 runs.

Scores:

Royal Signals.

Sgt. Gillott, b Anstruther	9
Sgt. Colley, run out	0
Sgt. Williams, c Buckle, b Skinner	115
Lt. Ebwbank, c Grosvenor, b Anstruther	10
Cpl. Saunders, b Meehan	12
Sgt. Yates, b Jordan	15
Cpl. Chaffey, b Jordan	4
L/Cpl. Higgins, b Jordan	4
Sgt. Hardy, run out	3
Sgt. Michael, not out	2
Extras	6

Total (for 9 wkts, dec.) 166

Sgt. Colling did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M.	R.	W.
Anstruther	10	2
Jordan	18	2
Meehan	10	1
Holmes	1	0
Skinner	1	0

Royal Engineers.

Cpl. Meehan, b Williams	11
Sgt. Whitfield, not out	60
Col. Skinner, c Chaffey, b Saunders	44
Lt. Anstruther, b Williams	14
Sgt. Holmes, b Williams	0
Lt.-Col. Marden, b Michael	24
Sgt. Savill, b Williams	0
Capt. Mitchell, b Williams	0
L/Cpl. Jordan, c Gillott, b Michael	1
L/Cpl. Grosvenor, b Williams	12
Sgt. Buckle, c Saunders, b Williams	9
Extras	16

Total 144

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M.	R.	W.
Williams	16.5	4
Saunders	8	0
Ebwbank	5	0
Michael	7	2

* Bowled six no-balls.

BASTIN'S FOOTBALL RECORD.

All Honours Now Obtained.

Clifford Bastin, the Arsenal outside left, has, at the age of 19 won almost every honour the game can bestow on him. His extraordinary career was crowned by the announcement that he had been chosen to play for England against Wales. He has now won a League championship medal, a Cup Final medal, an inter-League cap (against Scotland) and a full international cap in two years. There has been no parallel to this in modern football.

NEW ZEALANDERS IN ENGLAND.

Give 6 p. c. Interest to Financiers of Tour.

New Zealand's share of the gate receipts from last season's cricket tour of England amounted to £38,000.

This means that the shareholders of New Zealand Cricket, Ltd., which financed the tour, will get their money back plus 6 per cent. interest.

TO-NIGHT'S BOXING.

For the principal bout on to-night's boxing programme we learn that "Shinn" Morris weighed in to-day at 147 lb. and A. B. Warries at 145 lb.

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GOLFER'S AMUSING EXPERIENCE.

Eustace Percy Battulday was a nice city clerk; not one of the few nasty ones. He would have preferred to have been a country clerk. But he had been a county clerk, or even a weather prophet of that ilk, so far as remuneration is concerned. The essential point is that he, being a city clerk longed for green country sward, and transference from the frowns of his office status to reasonable prominence in outdoor sport. He wanted exercise.

Perched at his high desk, and squelching on his auspicious name of Battulday, a flash of inspiration prompted him to take up cricket. It is true the heavy volumes of figures which encumbered his desk, and lay heavy on his chest, had, whiles, prompted him to adopt the turf and win the "St. Leger" but here, at last, was an over-powering inspiration—Battulday, a cricketer—what, indeed, more appropriate!

It was a Winter inspiration, so Eustace had several months in which to select a "club" and a bat and anticipate a cricketing future of great performances. Memories of W. G. Grace, of Chapman, of Hearn, and recent epics of modern cricket stars, should pale to treble amazement when Eustace Percy wielded the willow.

The Clingers.

The cricket season had arrived, and so had the Clingers' cricket team; the latter at Kennstruther. It was the opening fixture and all Kennstruther turned out to speculate, e'en to the last, canine mongrel claiming the appellation dog.

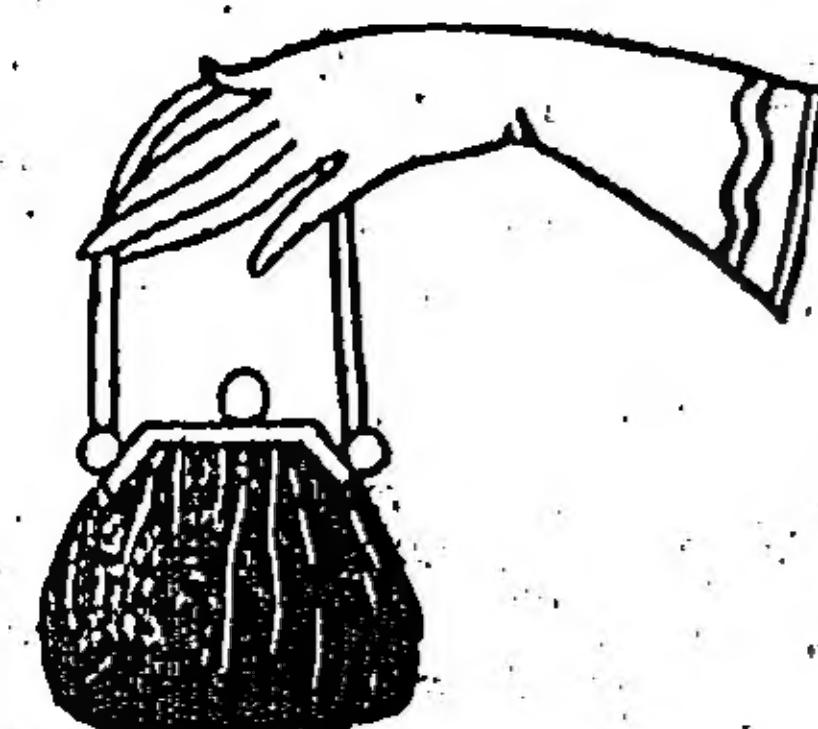
The Clingers' team was the team Eustace had joined. One need not detail the wheels within wheels of the Clingers; suffice it to say that where it was not a case of one member being at least a fifteenth cousin seventy-five times removed from another, there was an unfortunate interdependence in matters of "business."

All was tiptoe excitement when, from the pocket of the Clingers' captain, came a typed sheet—the order of batting. Excluding ten names, and substituting for these relationships, and interests, the following was the order:—1, Cousin; 2, Brother; 3, Nephew; 4, Uncle; 5, Coal Merchant; 6, Grocer; 7, Cousin; 8, Outfitter; 9, Caterer; 10, Motor-hirer; 11, Eustace Percy Battulday.

The bowling list was also set out, but the name of Battulday did not appear on it.

Prior to the match there was a short time for net practice. Eustace's form was superb, both as to drives and cuts and glides. Here, thought the local cognoscenti, must be their "first wicket" man. But alas!

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SEA OF MUD.

Further details of the International Rugby match between the South African tourists and Wales are contained in a Reuter message, which states:—

At Swansea, South Africa defeated Wales in the first international Rugby match by 8 points to 3. So fast was the pace that clouds of steam hovered over the scrums, and the match was stopped many times owing to mud getting into the players' eyes. Before the match 40,000 fervent Welshmen sang patriotic songs.

The South Africans surprised the critics by their victory which was won in a sea of mud. They overcame handicap conditions and were losing 0-3 at the interval by an unconverted try scored by Davies, but in the second half Daniel scored an unconverted try. Later on Bergh scored a try which the South African captain, Osler, converted.

SOUTH AFRICANS'
DECISION.No Colour Bar to Be
Imposed.

An announcement was made by the manager of the South Africans (Mr. J. H. Tandy) recently that the question of drawing the colour line (particularly with reference to playing against Eddie Gilbert, the Queensland aboriginal) had been considered by the tourists, and they had expressed the opinion that they were not concerned with the composition of any of the teams they would meet during their tour of Australia. They would not object to playing against any coloured man.

It was the fifth match. Eustace put in last, was asked to be prepared to bat fifth if the captain's cousin did not turn up. Unfortunately as many catches were missed by the opposing team that four Clingers suffered to play out time, so Eustace did not bat.

The captain told Eustace menacingly that unless he "scored better" he would be left out of the team!

It was the sixth and a "home" match. Eustace particularly desired to shine. The rain came down in torrents. The captain of the Clingers, who lost the toss, saw that whichever of his men went in first would have a bad time if play commenced. He had set himself down to play first, and Eustace last. He invited Eustace to play first if the rain stopped. It didn't, so nobody batted.

In the seventh match, and entirely due to a sodden pitch, combined with the other player's bad ball, Eustace was again "run out"—not striking a ball.

The eighth match was played on an atrocious wicket. Eustace went in ninth. His first ball rose, badly splitting his eyebrow; necessitating (Continued in last Column)

CARDIFF CITY'S FALL
FROM GRACE.Steady Decline Provides
Serious Problem.

CUP-HOLDERS IN 1927.

It is tragic to glance back a few short years to 1927, when Cardiff City beat the Arsenal in the Final of the Cup. Part of their trouble has been a constant changing about of the team. Last season 32 men figured in the side at one time or another. Only one club used as many players, and that was Thames. Compare this with Portsmouth's 17 throughout the season.

The Board promises that the current year will be just as busy as the one that has passed and a very full programme is announced as well. With reference to the fact that "Duleep" will neither be able to captain nor play for India, it is understood that the Board have decided to table to Lord's cancelling their request that he should be specially exempted from Test match qualification rules. It is encouraging to note that Duleep has agreed to act as a co-opted member of the Selection Committee for next year's tour.

Even now the City should be cutting a dash in the Third Division, yet they are half way down the table.

They have a great goalkeeper in the Irish captain, Farquharson, a fine back in Smith, the old Middlebrough and Ayr United players, who was in the Scottish side against England in 1924; Galbraith in the middle line, and at least six forwards—Robbina, Harris, McCambridge, McGrath, McNally, and Emerson—who are above average Third Division standard. What is the trouble?

MISS ENGLAND II NOT
TO BE SCRAPPED.Lord Wakefield Biding
His Time.

Lord Wakefield, builder and owner of the world's record-breaking speed-boat, Miss England II, denies emphatically that he intends to scrap her.

As to her future, Lord Wakefield states that a decision to enter her for the British International Trophy rests with him alone; and that an announcement will be made in due course.

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SPORTS NEWS IN BRIEF

The University first and second cricket elevens are playing all day matches against the Indian Recreation Club on Saturday, both games commencing at 10.30 a.m.

1st XI at Pokfulam:

A. T. Nomanbhoy, D. J. N. Anderson, F. R. Zimmerman, L. T. Ride, A. T. Lee, H. Nomanbhoy, E. L. Gosano, A. M. Rodriguez, W. K. Chon, P. M. N. da Silva and A. Bakar.

2nd XI at Sookunpoo:

P. L. Tan, K. P. Gan, G. E. Yeoh, G. B. Scully, A. A. Aziz, D. K. Samy, C. E. R. Charabut, R. E. G. Leong, D. Roy, B. K. Ng, and M. M. Yayahbhoy. Reserves: D. Hunt, S. Tata.

In a friendly Hockey match against the St. Andrew's Club on the University ground to-day, at 5 p.m. the following have been chosen to represent the University:

O. I. E. de Souza (Captain) P. E. G. Leong, A. Rodriguez, A. Basto, E. Gosano, K. M. Ho, R. T. Luke, P. M. N. da Silva, A. A. Aziz, S. Reed, and P. C. Tan. Reserves: E. L. Foo and C. T. Tan.

The following will represent the Radio Sports Club in their hockey match against the South Wales Borderers on the Marina Ground, Kowloon, at 4.30 this afternoon:

A. Spari, P. Singh, Joginder Singh; Suri Singh, Atma Singh, M. Singh; M. Hanif, A. E. Guest, Gurbachan Singh, Harbhajan Singh, and F. A. Kemp. Reserves: Karnal Singh, and Jagjeet Singh.

The following have been selected to play for the Hong Kong Cricket Club against the Army on Boxing Day, commencing at 10.30 a.m.:

H. Owen Hughes (Captain), A. C. Beck, A. C. I. Bowker, E. R. Duckitt, R. H. Griffiths, O. E. C. Marton, D. McLellan, E. J. R. Mitchell, A. Reid, J. E. Richardson, and G. R. Sayer.

The following will represent the Club "A" in their Rugby match against H.M.S. Cumberland at Happy Valley to-day at 4.45 p.m.:

Y. Segalen; F. Harris Walker, E. R. Allard, S. J. H. Fox, A. M. Torrible; G. A. L. Plummer, I. H. M. McCredy; R. Cherill, F. A. Merry, W. N. Andrews, F. G. Nigel, M. N. Cochrane, A. R. Cox, J. S. Lee, and L. B. Smith.

At Lord's is also an opportunity of accepting the invitation of the Football Association to attend the Cup Final at Wembley.

Bombay and Calcutta are unable to offer any financial help but other affiliated organisations have provisionally agreed to raise the following sums:—Sind Rs. 5,000, Northern India Rs. 6,000, Southern Punjab Rs. 10,000, Western India States Rs. 6,000, Central India States and Central Provinces Rs. 2,500, Madras Rs. 6,000.

It is understood that the captain of the Indian team to England will be selected in January.

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War on Malaria.

So long as mosquitoes are prevalent in the urban areas of the Colony so long will the need for protection stimulate residents to keep pressing for a continuance of concrete action. On this topic the editorial pen is waxing almost stale and stilted with scarcely an original thought to add to the multitude of words already written. But mosquitoes are as thrice and breed: malarial fever shows little abatement; and life is made miserable for all affected. True is it that we cannot expect malarialogists to wave a fairy wand and banish mosquitoes and malarial fever in the twinkling of an eye. When we last commented on their work, we suggested that, to ensure public co-operation and confidence, an official statement might be made periodically. That hint has been ignored. It has been left for a member of the Sanitary Board to ask the President to "be kind enough" to obtain from the Government the necessary information as to whether there is any evidence that such anti-malarial measures as have been taken within the present year have resulted in any appreciable diminution of this disease as compared with previous years. The President has been "kind enough" to comply with this modest request. The Government has been "kind enough" to supply the necessary information. And there the subject will remain for another six, nine, or twelve months until the same (or another) member of the Sanitary Board is "kind enough" to ask the President to be "kind enough" humbly to beseech the Government to be "kind enough" to supply some more information. Meanwhile, it may be anticipated that the toll from malaria will continue at the rate of ten per week and that residents will continue to be pestered with the plague of mosquitoes even in urban areas. In suggesting more stringent and thorough anti-malarial measures in urban

areas we are not criticising in any degree the surveys and field work being carried out in the outlying districts such as Lyemun, Stanley, and Tai Po. Public health in these areas is as important as within town limits.

It is conceded that prosecutions have been initiated against owners of property and contractors for permitting the breeding of mosquitoes. Likewise is it conceded that much of the work being done by the Sanitary Board as well as by the Medical Department as a whole is necessarily unobtrusive and silent. But the mosquitoes are as numerous as ever and the risk of malarial fever remains as great as ever, sapping the vitality of its victims and lowering the standard of public health. We may be as tired of writing on this topic as our readers are of reading this column — but not a thousandth part so tired as we are of the mosquitoes!

From Other Pens.

A Human Parcel.

The history of transport is full of problems of living creatures. Whether the railway porter's ruling that "cats is dogs and parrots is dogs but your tortoise is a insect" still stands I do not know. The last living parcel is a human one. The matter arises from the rule that the air service which takes mails down the length of Africa does not take passengers. The particular passenger had a need to reach Rhodesia, so he posted himself by air mail at 7d. the first half-dunce and 1/2pence thereafter.

Whether he is registered I cannot tell, nor whether he is sealed. What obligations lie upon the carriers of mails to see that he is in transit provided with reasonable opportunities for remaining alive I cannot tell. There was once a case about delivering a dog, said not to be the right dog, which went from court to court. What happens if the wrong man comes out at the other end in Rhodesia? H.C.B. in the Daily Telegraph.

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Popular Science.

There is something rather pleasing about the news that a California professor of geology has come back from a field expedition with "fossils of starfish 200,000,000 years old." It sounds a bit more homely than "dinosaurs" eggs or brontosaurus — and perhaps supplies a reassuring touch in the face of those frightened and calculated pronouncements from eminent physicians to the effect that the Universe is irrevocably running

down. After all, if there were starfish 200,000,000 years ago, and there are starfish now it can't be running down very fast; thank goodness for something that stays put and isn't dissolving into something different under our very eyes. And there is moral about it somewhere: think of all those unlovely lizards and sabre-toothed tigers and mammoths marked down for disposal by Mother Nature as last season's models, while the same old starfish has outlasted the lot of them and still decorates the seaweedy fringes of our receded tides even as it did in the days when it might have been trodden on by a pterodactyl instead of being picked up and put into a small tin bucket along with five shrimps, two baby crabs, the tin flag from a clockwork boat, and the discarded integument of a deceased sea-urchin. Oh, yes — there is a moral somewhere, if anyone likes to work it out. — Manchester Guardian.

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Those Clippers.

What is the record day's run for a sailing ship? Several correspondents have queried my claim for Thermopylae, with her 330 knots, and point to Lightning, with, as one writer puts it, "her almost incredible run of 431 knots."

Frankly, I think incredible is the word. But, as Mr. Boyd Cable pointed out long ago in writing of the speed of those old clippers, there is great difficulty in deciding what is meant by "fastest"; he quotes Lightning as having sailed 436 sea miles in 24 hours, taking 13 days 19 hours from Boston to Liverpool, though James Baines, without any day's run on astrolabing did the same voyage in 12 days 6 hours.

I stick to it that Thermopylae was the fastest ship that ever sailed for her record passage of London to Melbourne in 60 days has never been beaten — and is never likely to be. — Evening Standard.

News in Brief.

For bringing an unregistered mail into the Colony, and ill-treating her Chai Wai-lam was to-day fined \$40 and \$25.

Mackintosh, Ltd., have issued their customary little desk calendar with the dates for three months conveniently shown at a glance.

Two Chinese coolies employed by the Kowloon Godown Co. were admitted to the Kwong Wah Hospital yesterday afternoon suffering from burns received while unloading drums of acid from the s.s. Groteken.

The General Chamber of Commerce and the Exchange Banks have written to the Government suggesting that, as New Year's Day falls on a Friday, the Saturday following should be declared a general holiday, as it is already in Shanghai.

A verdict of not guilty was returned by the jury after a retirement of half an hour, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday afternoon in the case in which Sit Shek was charged with having indecently assaulted a two-year-old Chinese girl.

"The Next Door House," a Christmas play, was produced at St. John's Cathedral hall yesterday evening, and was witnessed by a large gathering. Two further performances will be given to-day, one at 5.30 p.m. for which tickets were issued, and another at 7 p.m. For the second performance all seats will be free.

Kwan Kow, a seaman, on the Yau Ma Tei Ferry Man Ying, reported to the Police that yesterday evening, while the ferry was crossing from Hong Kong to Kowloon, an unknown Chinese man jumped overboard from the lower deck about midway across the harbour. The ferry was stopped and a search made, but with no result.

Personal Par.

The forthcoming marriage is announced of Joseph Salazar, of 17, Water Street, second floor, West Point, and Ines Chiu, of 19, Second Street, second floor, West Point.

FEWER IDLE BRITONS.

Rugby, Yesterday. According to Ministry of Labour figures, issued to-night, the number of registered unemployed at December 14 was nearly 65,000 less than the week before. The total is, at present, 2,572,602. British Wireless Service.

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ONE OF THE GREAT

AMENITIES OF LIFE.

A new popular advertisement in New York eulogises chewing gum as an excellent solace in life, but Dr. Logan Clendening puts his faith in whisky. Speaking with the authority of a professorship in medicine at Kansas University, Dr. Clendening offers an enthusiastic panegyric in support of whisky drinking. He would like to see a good 10d. drink of whisky on the market. (What we'd like to see in Hong Kong also.)

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cause of the greatest number of accidental deaths in the home, according to a survey by an insurance company. These accidental deaths in the home amount each year to almost double the fatalities caused by occupational and industrial hazards combined.

YOUR HAIR TO MATCH.

That platinum blonde effect may now be obtained with a coat of paint. And the paint is much safer than powerful bleaching agents that may injure the hair permanently, an expert told a beauty culture convention at Kansas City. If platinum hair would make a harmonious ensemble with a shimmering evening gown, he said, the hair may now be "painted" a delicate platinum and the colour removed the following day.

HOLDING A HIGH NOTE
FOR 3 MINUTES.

When Miss Evelyn Hagara, a contralto, of Los Angeles, announced that she was able to hold a top C for three minutes, she was challenged immediately by Miss Arleen Clark, soprano, who claims that she held the note for three and a half minutes. The result is that an endurance contest has been arranged to decide the claims of the singers. Miss Clark will sing from New York by wireless and Miss Hagara from Los Angeles. A committee of prominent musicians will listen to decide the winner. The average grand opera singer can hold the note for no longer than 35 seconds. Miss Hagara is said to have formerly had shortness of breath. She claims that she took seven years to master the art of holding the note for three minutes.

A WEEK'S DISEASES.

Two Imported Cases of Fever.

48 TUBERCULOSIS DEATHS.

The official return of diseases and deaths during the week ended December 19 is as follows:

Cases Deaths

Typhoid fever 2 —
Diphtheria 3 —
Cerebro-spinal fever 1 —

Tuberculosis 48 —

One case of typhoid and one of cerebro-spinal fever were imported.

Summary to December 19.

The returns from January 1 to December 19 give the following figures:

Cases Deaths

Typhoid fever 208 64
Small-pox 14 9
Scarlet fever 3 —

Diphtheria 144 50
Cerebro-spinal fever 21 10
Puerperal fever 19 13
Tuberculosis 2,812 —

Twenty-one of the typhoid cases were non-Chinese, as were three scarlet fever cases, one small-pox case, two cerebro-spinal fever cases, and 39 diphtheria cases.

To-day's Thought.

Sometimes a chance thought strikes us a harder blow than a hammer.

Ten Years Ago.

From the "China Mail" of December 23, 1921.

To-day's dollar is worth 2/6 2/6.

Several Hong Kong firms have already had their staffs vaccinated and very shortly the Government will be offering special facilities to members of the public to come along and be inoculated against small-pox.

Peak residents are to be attended to first. A vaccination depot will be opened next week in the Government bungalows opposite the Peak School and vaccinations will be done there first. Other stations will be opened in Victoria and in Kowloon. Dr. Woodman will be in charge of the campaign and Mr. Tao will help him by persuading the Chinese to come forward and be vaccinated. Both did valuable work in the 1917 epidemic, and their experience will prove useful.

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A. S. WATSON & CO. LIMITED.
Hong Kong, 23rd December, 1931.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 28th day of December, 1931, at 8 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Fleming Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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The HONG KONG DOLLAR DIRECTORY CO., China Mail Building, 3A, Wyndham Street.

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AUCTIONEERS, APPRAISERS AND SURVEYORS.

Public Auctions

GENERAL NOTICES.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

IN Accordance with Government Ordinance, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 25th and 26th December (Christmas Holidays).

Hong Kong, 21st December, 1931.

THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY (918), LIMITED.

THE THIRTEENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Head Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, the 31st day of December, 1931, at 12 o'clock, Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 30th September, 1931, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 28th December, 1931, to THURSDAY, 31st December, 1931, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers, Hong Kong, 16th December, 1931.

ROYAL SANITARY INSTITUTE, HONG KONG CENTRE.

EXAMINATIONS for SANITARY INSPECTORS and in SANITARY SCIENCE will be held on Saturday 12 and 14, 1932.

Candidates should apply to the local Secretary, Education Department for Application Forms on or before December 31, 1931.

Hong Kong, December 19, 1931.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

A S from the 21st DECEMBER, our practice will be carried on at Pedder Building, First Floor.

A. E. HALL & CO., Solicitors, &c., Hong Kong, 19th December, 1931.

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*SOMALI	6,800	1931. 25th Dec. 10 a.m.	Marseilles, London, Havre, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	2nd Jan. 1932.	Bombay, Marseilles & London, Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
*MIRzapore	5,700	4th Jan.	M'ssiles, London, R'dam & A'werp.
*KARMA	9,000	16th Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
CHITRAL	15,000	30th Jan.	M'ssiles, London, R'dam & A'werp.
*KASHMIR	6,000	13th Feb.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
NALDERA	16,000	27th Feb.	M'ssiles, London, Havre, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
*SUDAN	6,800	5th Mar.	M'ssiles & London.
CARTHAGE	15,000	12th Mar.	M'ssiles & London.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	26th Mar.	M'ssiles & London.
*BURDWAN	6,500	2nd Apr.	Bombay, M'ssiles, London, Havre, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
CORFU	15,000	9th Apr.	M'ssiles & London.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	23rd Apr.	Bombay, M'ssiles & London.
RANIPURA	17,000	7th May	Bombay, M'ssiles & London.
CHITRAL	15,000	21st May	Bombay, M'ssiles & London.
RANCHI	17,000	4th June	Bombay, M'ssiles & London.
NALDERA	16,000	18th June	Bombay, M'ssiles & London.
KAISAR-I-HIND	12,000	2nd July	Bombay, M'ssiles & London.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	10th July	Bombay, M'ssiles & London.
MANTUA	11,000	30th July	Bombay, M'ssiles & London.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	13th Aug.	Bombay, M'ssiles & London.
RANIPURA	17,000	27th Aug.	Bombay, M'ssiles & London.
MALWA	11,000	10th Sept.	Bombay, M'ssiles & London.

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S.T.L.	Tons	From Hong Kong About	Destination
TIHLAWA	10,000	1931. 30th Dec. 10.30 a.m.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
SANTHIA	8,000	1932. 7th Jan.	
TALMA	10,000	22nd Jan. 5th Feb.	
TAKADA	7,000		

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EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South).

NANKIN	7,000	2nd Jan.	Mabila, Rabaul, Brisbane, Sydney
NELLORE	7,000	30th Jan.	& Melbourne.
TANDA	7,000	4th Mar.	

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The New Zealand Shipping Company's steamers for Southampton and London via Panama Canal.

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN.

1932.			
CHITRAL	15,000	1st Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
TALMA	10,000	1st Jan.	Amoy, Shih, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
NELLORE	7,000	4th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yama.
KALYAN	9,000	10th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Yokohama.
TARADA	7,000	15th Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KASHMIR	9,000	16th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
SUDAN	6,800	26th Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
NALDERA	16,000	29th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TANDA	7,000	5th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
CARTHAGE	15,000	12th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
BURDWAN	6,500	21st Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	28th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
CORFU	15,000	11th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	24th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*SOMALI	6,800	5th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
RANIPURA	17,000	7th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
CHITRAL	15,000	21st Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
BANGALORE	6,500	28th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
RANCHI	17,000	5th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
NALDERA	16,000	10th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KAISAR-I-HIND	18,000	2nd June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	16th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*SUDAN	6,800	23rd June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.

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FAMOUS LINERS SOLD.

Demand for Scrap Metal.

Two famous British Liners which have served their owners well have just been sold for breaking up in British yards. These are the Demosthenes and the Corinthic, 20 and 29 years old respectively. The Demosthenes is of 11,223 tons gross, built in 1911, and he has been owned by the Aberdeen Line of George Thompson and Co., Limited, and employed in its service between London and Australia. She was the first ocean liner to enter the King George V. Dock after it had been opened by the King in Lord Inchcape's yacht Rover. The Corinthic is of 12,367 tons gross, built in 1902, and has been employed since then in the London-New Zealand service maintained jointly by Shaw Savill and Albion Company, Limited, and the White Star Line. The two vessels were built by Harland and Wolff and have been very popular ships with passengers in their regular service. Both vessels did fine work throughout the War.

For some time the Demosthenes has been laid up in Rothesay Bay, and she is understood to have been sold to a firm of shipbreakers on the North-East Coast for £9,250. An especially noteworthy feature of the transaction is that the Corinthic is still in service. She arrived at Wellington, N.Z., on September 23, and is expected to sail again shortly for Britain. She has been sold for delivery three months hence for £10,250, which is a price comparable with that paid for the smaller Demosthenes, although the latter is available for immediate delivery.

The buying of the Corinthic on similar terms for delivery three months hence is attributed in shipping quarters to the expectation that duties will be placed on imported steel. Consequently the anticipation is that there will be a better demand for British scrap metal.

The breaking up of liners gives employment to a large number of men, including those engaged in inland transport. In due course coal will be needed for the conversion of the scrap metal into fresh material. Employment will be given to the men manufacturing the articles, and there will again be transport of the finished goods. Possibly some portion of the scrap material will be employed in the construction of modern ships. Clearly there is a great gain of employment in the breaking up of these ships instead of allowing one to continue to lie idle and the other to be destined to

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The m.s. Erria is of the same type as the m.s. Asia and the m.s. Borlina, but is equipped with bigger and more luxurious passenger accommodation. She is of 14,700 tons displacement (9,400 tons gross register) and her main dimensions are:—length 440 feet, breadth 62 feet, depth (to upper deck) 37 feet. The propelling machinery consists of two B. & W. double-acting two-tube Diesel motors developing 9,300 i.h.p., which will give the ship a speed of about 17 knots fully loaded. She has accommodation for 74 passengers. The entire passenger accommodation is situated amidships, and all staterooms are outside, spacious and airy, accommodated on three decks as follows:—main deck—19 double berth cabins with adjoining private bathroom; eight double berth cabins without private bathroom; promenade deck—eight double berth cabins with adjoining private bathroom; upper promenade deck—two very luxuriously appointed cabins-de-luxe with large inter-communicating private saloon.

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All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 11th January, 1932, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 24th instant at 10 a.m. by Meurer, Goddard & Douglas.

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testator and his heirs over the
former's estate is agitating legal
quarters here. The testator is
the former dignitary of the Catholic
Church, Dr. Olshauskas, who
was expelled from the church last
year on receiving a life sentence
for the murder of his mistress
who had persistently blackmailed him.
Simultaneously, Dr. Olshauskas lost all his civil rights,
including that of making a new
will, and thus his last will was
executed and the considerable
fortune of the ex-prelate went to his
heirs.

Now Dr. Olshauskas has been
released from prison, benefitting
from the amnesty proclaimed by
President Smotra in celebration of
his recent re-election to office.
But though now a free man, the
one-time dignitary is also a poor
man, since restoration of his civil
rights is impossible under
Lithuanian law, and his heirs con-
tinue in possession of his estate,
refusing even to support him.
Now the amnesty man has ad-
dressed a petition to the Govern-
ment describing his plight and de-
manding a change in the statutes
to fit his case and to enable him
to regain control over his estate.
—Transocean Kuomin.

WOMAN EXECUTED.

First Time in Turkish
History.

Stamboul, Dec. 15.
For the first time in Turkish
history the death penalty was
executed upon a woman this morn-
ing. Hitherto the authorities have
always shrank from inflicting
capital punishment upon the weaker
sex and had invariably commuted
all death sentences. In the
present case, however, the murder
of a woman by a woman had been
conceived and executed with so
much premeditation and in so
gruesome and brutal a manner,
that it was felt that the mur-
deress should pay the full penalty.

And thus Fathma Hanum, who
had slaughtered the wife of the
man she had fallen in love with
this morning was hanged by the
neck until she was dead in the
presence of thousands of spectators
who had flocked from all parts
of the city to witness the spec-
tacle. Fathma faced her fate
coolly and insisted upon mounting
the gallows without assistance.
After a brief prayer she then ad-
justed the rope to her neck and,
finally, shouted to the hangman to
let go the drop. She died within
a few seconds.—Transocean Kuomin.

LOAN WANTED?

King Alexander in
Paris.

Paris, Dec. 16.
King Alexander of Yugoslavia
and the Queen arrived here to-day
for a fortnight's visit. Though
the royal couple is travelling in
strict incognito, while the Press is
emphasising the private character
of the visit, there appears to be
little doubt that political issues
will be discussed between the
King and Premier Laval during the
former's stay here. The reparations
and disarmament issues are
mentioned as likely topics.

Furthermore, it is rumoured
that the visit was also for a financial
purpose and that King Alexander
will try to secure a loan of
2,000,000,000 for his country.—
Transocean Kuomin.

A PARIS BLAZE.

Paris, Dec. 16.
An entire block of buildings
was laid waste this morning by
conflagration in the Paris suburb
of Aubervilliers. The fire was
caused by a short circuit and
spread quickly before the fire-
brigades arrived. Within a few
hours the capital's entire fire
fighting apparatus had to be
mobilised to combat the fierce
blaze which caused enormous damage.
Amongst the buildings gutted
by the conflagration is a large
department store in which the fire
originated.—Transocean Kuomin.

SYRIAN THRONE.

New Candidate in the
Field.

FRENCH APPROVAL.

Jerusalem, Dec. 15.

A new candidate has appeared
for the throne of Syria, whose early
inclusion in the lists of semi-
independent kingdoms appears to
have been practically agreed upon
by all parties concerned, including
France, the mandatory power. The
new candidate is Abbas Hilmi, former
Khedive of Egypt who was ousted
by the British authorities during
the war on account of his
alleged sympathies for the Central
Powers. The ex-Khedive is said to
have the support of France, Egypt
and Turkey and is believed to be
soliciting American and British
consent for his enthronement.
Great Britain, however, is said to
favour King Faisal of the Iraw as
King of Syria which would then be
connected with the Iraw by personal
union. Abbas Hilmi is reported to be
trying to overcome this opposition by
promising large concessions to British
interests in Syria.

No definite steps, however, will
probably be taken until the results
of the Syrian elections on December
20 are known.—Transocean Kuomin.

HITLER'S PARTY.

Squadron of Light
Planes.

Berlin, Dec. 15.

Reports that the National So-
cialist party was forming a
squadron of light aeroplanes,
manned with National Socialist
pilots, were vehemently denied by
the National Socialist Voelkische
Beobachter this morning.

The reports which had caused a
sensation here last night and stated
that Herr Hitler had instructed
his headquarters to register all
party members owning a sporting
machine and that the censor had re-
vealed that the party could rely on
twenty-five such machines in any
emergency. Furthermore, it was
stated that the authorities were al-
ready considering the matter, that
they were aware of the existence
of the planes, but that they could
not revoke the licences of the pilots
who had complied with all
legal requirements. For this rea-
son, it was stated, the Govern-
ment contemplated a change in the
regulations governing the issue
of pilots' licences by making
the issue subject not only to
physical but also to political con-
siderations and affiliations.—Trans-
ocean Kuomin.

RUBBER ON BRITISH
RAILWAY CARS.

(Continued from Page 2)

The use of rubber flooring is on
the increase principally in the de-
luxe main line trains. Solid or
sponge rubber is usually employed,
although in some cases a sponge
rubber underlay is used below an
ordinary carpet. These special
trains in their equipment can be
considered as indicating the direc-
tion in which companies feel they
can best cater for the greater com-
fort and satisfaction of passengers.
It would appear logical that any
substantial reduction in the cost of
such rubber equipment will lead to
its early adoption for passenger
cars generally. It is claimed by
users that in addition to increased
comfort, the installation of rubber
flooring has demonstrated greater
cleanliness, resistance to wear, and
low maintenance charges.

Freight Cars.

Rubber is not used to so great
an extent in freight cars as in pas-
senger coaches, yet there are many
points of application such as draw-
bar and buffer springs, auxiliary
suspension springs and brake gear,
which are accepted by some rail-
way engineers as entirely satisfac-
tory. In some instances rubber
draw-bar and buffer springs are
used in freight cars, particularly
on fast freight trains.

Brake gears are generally hand
operated and are not fitted with
rubber.

Fast freight trains in some cases have vacuum brake
systems and are then fitted with
rubber draw-bar and buffer gear.
Locomotives and Tenders.

It will be appreciated that the
application of rubber in locomotive
systems is much less than in pas-
senger coaches, although one British
line uses 124 lb of rubber goods on
every express locomotive and
tender. The main points of ap-
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gear, auxiliary bearing springs,
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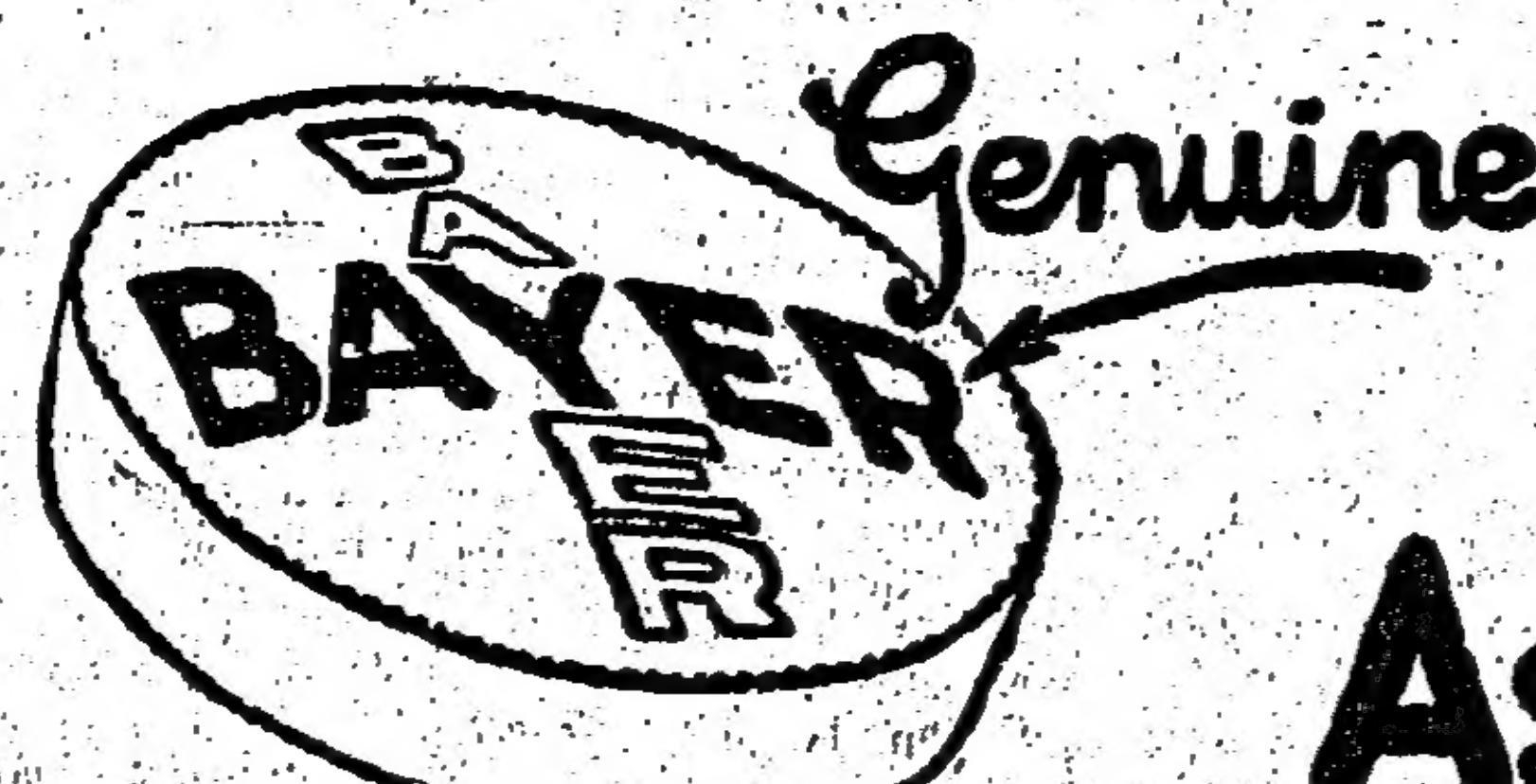
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